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## IN THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently Amended) A coating device by means of which a water—soluble compound is applied to at least parts of an edge of a moving elongated workpiece (4), characterised in that wherein said device comprises at least one device (1) for applying a compound and at least two separate NIR drier (2) arranged thereafter in the direction of movement of the workpiece.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The coating device according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein the NIR driers (2) can be aligned, preferably can be adjusted in height and/or tilted.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The coating device according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterised in that claim 1, wherein the NIR driers (2) can be regulated depending on the application medium and/or the transport speed.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The coating device according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that claim 1, wherein it comprises cooling plates (3).

5. (Currently Amended) The coating device according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that claim 1, wherein the device (1) comprises an application nozzle and a suction nozzle.